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Rough Field Notes- Misc.

① No white man could cure him.

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J's M eldest B worked for 30 ~~25~~ years for a firm in Victoria Lots of Port Simpson Indians used to work for short time J's uncle used to make spouts instead of just rough bark spouts. ~~Then~~ After 15 years at this work he set up as carpenter built a house for his boss. Boss told him that a new big man coming from England is bringing with him a strange new thing, which would be killed for a banquet. Only rich people could pay for seat at banquet. Doubtful if boss could go. They made a pool under house where thing was kept till X mas, many white men went to see it, but no Indian. J's uncle had been white man for long time & boss sent him to see it, went to basement & ~~said, "Hello~~ say thing, said, "This is what my parents in Bella Coola have told me of." The thing came up, blinked at on-lookers, then sank without a ripple. Then water began to get low, one of white men told J's uncle that the beast responsible for lowness, had back was bare At X mas the beast was killed, boss went to ~~it~~ the banquet, came back with souvenir pelt. Before eating, the beast had been displayed in 4 parts of 4 big platters, first news to J's uncle of its death. ~~Night~~ Night after he saw this he got sore on waist, next day it was big & running. He told boss that in few days he would be dead. Things are too strong for Indians, I stood it first time, but not second, do not grieve for me". Boss said, "Don't worry, there is a doctor who is specialist in such things, I give him note to the doctor. Doctor cured him, & when he returned later to Bella Coola he showed scar to all. He died soon result of thing.

Inuit man or (Ukkuhiwadjut)

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In a story a man catches a mink, everybody tries to lift it but too heavy, then young man picks it up & throws it over the heads.

Yearling seals are fattest. One day Raven went to house of a yearling seal, in this case changed himself to an (oolk). The seal said O. K. washed out grub-box, & sat with flippers over box toasting in front of fire. As soon as warm grease began to drip. Tasted grease, seemed all right, so toasted some more till box filled with grease. R ate all he could & took box home, telling S to call next day for box. S went next day, R asked him in, washed out grub-box, put it next fire, toasted hands. When a few drops of grease came out, R tasted, seemed O. K, so put hands up again. Kept turning hands, & putting close till all blistered, but no more grease came. R then ran around house pretending to be looking for some. thing. S. finally picked up box & went home.

Raven went to house of a'xaxauxi'y (the whistler?) & said, "I am going to eat with you. I know you have plenty of berries." A said, "All right, sit down". A took its pack-box, & hung it outside house on projecting rafter. It sang for a while & many berries fell in. It hopped in & tasted, O.K., so hopped out & sang again, box was filled, the berries came from everywhere. R ate what he could & then went home, telling A to come to my house to-morrow for box. Next day A came chez R, R told him to sit down & hang pack-box upon rafter. R began to sing, a few berries came to box, they tasted all right, began to sing again, but no more berries. Finally so luck so he willed that box be filled with shit, which it did. R had to admit failure of scheme shamed. A took box & went home.

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K'a sana, a man ½ Bella Bella, ½ Bella Coola, had only one leg, & lived on a little island near head of Cascade Inlet where he had a fish-trap. Raven thought that K was prosperous so became jealous, & as I have 2 legs it should be easy. He went up there, got friendly with K, & then began to boss him round. Finally it got that R ran whole show. One day they were taking salmon from trap, K as usual ~~so~~ bossing, K fed up & pushed R who fell down. K got sore, wanted to fight. K said all right, each grabbed each other, & swayed around, but R could not move K's one[1] foot. Then K began to swing R around, & 1 leg swayed but else did not move. R cried out that K's leg moved, K denied & said R's legs moved. Finally K flung R into water, & had to swim ashore wet & dripping. Flew away & never came back.

[1] The rule in this kind of fighting is that whoever first moves foot loses

house & told it to yell when people assembled.

Raven was with the cormorant one day. R said it is time for halibut, let's try them. Cormorant agreed, & 2 went out in one canoe. They start fishing, C in bow, R in stern. Soon C got a halibut, then a 2nd, & in time a 3rd. R did not want to be left, so when C was getting a fish R pretended to have a bite, dragged line so far up, even pretending to club. This went on C getting fish all the time, & R pretending. Finally R hauled in line & put in boat, went to bow & stood behind C. First he admired his baiting, said he had never seen anyone to equal him, that is how you catch halibut, then he repeated for line lowering, then for thin eyes, fine teeth, good body, sweet voice. Meanwhile C continued to bag fish, till it began to believe R's compliments. R said "There is only one part of your body I have not been able to see, your tongue". C stuck it out, R asked for further, & R cut off tongue with knife. C could only gurgle, not speak. Then went back to village. R called, "My partner has ~~not~~ had great trouble in his mouth, he has become dumb". All came to see. R said "I don't know what was the trouble, C can no fish, he must be about to die". C. gurgled & pointed to fish & self. R said, "Yes, he's speaking the truth. I caught them". C. continued to gurgle, & R. said, "Yes,

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don't be in a hurry, I'll give you some." After more falsification, R gave one fish & took rest home. End.

① Sætz à lait

One day R was travelling in mountains & stopped thez echo. Insect work was going on, things were moving, but noone was in sight. Blankets were weaving themselves. There was food hanging up. He said, "I have come for something to eat" His words were echoed. Something took him by arm & marched him in. Firewood split itself, & soon lit itself. Meat came down from rafters, cut itself, bucket walked out & filled itself, stones chopped into box. A spoon came into his hand, the cooked meat jumped into his box. As he ate he looked around & thought, "I will bring my 4 sisters, we will get away with this, it is too good to be missed!" He went home, told 4 sisters to get ready for trip. They went up mountain & were tickled. Feed blankets together, filled boxes with meat & grease, almost ready to leave. Then a sister yowled, something had knocked her over, then 2nd, 3rd 4th & finally R. 1st sister was lying with legs apart, something shoved R over & he stuck beak up her bottom - She asked why he did so, he said, "I can't help it". The legs of each same way & he stuck his beak up her hole. Then they were funnelled out of house. R looked back & saw everything had gone back to place. End.